

Reception to Honor Burton Chace, Wife

Public response to an Oct. 23 reception honoring County Supervisor Burton W. Chace has been overwhelming, according to Logan R. Cotton, general chairman of the event.

The reception is scheduled in the Plush Horse Restaurant in Redondo Beach.

"The sponsoring Surf Life Saving Association has been flooded with reservation," Cotton said. "The reception will be a sellout."

COTTON pointed out that all South Bay residents are invited to attend and pay tribute to Supervisor and Mrs. Chace.

The reception will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in the Banbury Room of the Plush Horse. Tickets, priced at \$2.50 per person, include hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Reservations may be made by calling the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

THE HONORARY host committee, comprised of the mayors and Chamber of Com-

merce presidents from area cities, is assisting Cotton with plans for the reception.

"No speeches or presentations are planned," Cotton said. "The occasion will be completely informal, and all of those attending will have an opportunity to meet and chat with Supervisor and Mrs. Chace."

Chace has represented the Fourth District since 1953 and has served as chairman of the Board of Supervisors a record four terms.

President Gets New Bank Post

In a major management change, Frederick G. Larkin Jr., president of Security First National Bank, has been named chief executive officer by the bank's board of directors. He was also named chairman of the bank's Managing Committee.

As chief executive, Larkin assumes the responsibility carried for many years by Lloyd L. Austin, chairman of the board. Austin, who remains as chairman, said the change "is being made some 20 months ahead of my normal retirement date so as to provide continuity during the period of change."

Larkin was elected president of the bank in November, 1961, after some 25 years with the bank.



FAMED SHRINE... The Sacred Stable at the Toshu Shrine in Japan is one of the most famous shrines in Japan, according to Larry Macaray, Press-Herald art and travel columnist. Wood carvings above the doors depict the "See No Evil," "Speak No Evil," and "Hear No Evil" monkeys.

... Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

In a recent article about Nikko, the beautiful mountain area 100 kilometers north of Tokyo, I mentioned the Shrine of Toshogu only briefly. This shrine is so impressive — at least I found it so — that more should be written about it. This area is a must for tourists as this shrine must surely be one of the prize gems of Japanese architecture.

The approach to the Shrine is an old narrow country road lined with 850 year old cryptomeria trees on both sides. Cryptomeria is a fancy word for an evergreen tree of the pine family. The only known species is this particular tree which is referred to as a Japanese Cedar. My research is not complete so I can not tell how many of these trees are left in Japan.

Toshogu, which enshrines Tokugawa Ieyasu (1542-1616), the founder of the Tokugawa Shogunate, who is credited with establishing the foundation for the 300 years of peaceful rule by his successors, consists of a group of structures combining the elements of mausoleum, temple and shrine.

THE DESCENDANTS of the first Tokugawa Shogun one after another built shrines and temples bearing the name Toshogu in various provinces, in gestures of loyalty to the Shogun, joined in the architectural contributions. As a result, there were at one time more than 200 shrines and temples named Toshogu scattered across Japan. Today, however, when one speaks of Toshogu, it usually refers to the edifice in Nikko.

The usual impression of Japanese architecture is that it is simple, austere and unpainted. Not so with Toshogu. It is constructed in various styles and painted in multiple colors. The Edo period of architecture in Japan was characterized by strong colors. The color harmony of the various structures is based on red, white and black. This combination creates an overall effect of color continuity and contrast.

One interesting aspect of the National Shrine is that al-

though the series of structures represents authority, the buildings are not of enormous proportions, but rather those of uniformly normal dimensions of human standard. While realizing this, I have to think of the immensity of St. Peter's in Rome, St. Paul's in London and Santa Sophia in Istanbul — they also represent an authority — but what a difference in impression.

WOOD CARVINGS are scattered throughout the shrine. One of the most interesting ones is the carving of the three monkeys on the wooden friezes of the Sacred Stable. We know these monkeys as "See No Evil," "Speak No Evil" and "Hear No Evil" so I would guess that these would be the original from which our modern saying originated. The old legend about these monkeys is that they were able to protect the sacred house against sickness and other mishaps.

There are several independent sculptural works, such as the statues of the two Devis Kings — and these are the products of sculptors. However, all of the carvings on the buildings, such as the three monkeys, were all executed by master carpenters. One of the most famous Toshogu carvings (I forgot to take a photo of it) is the "Nemuri Neko" (The Sleeping Cat).

Truly a masterpiece of wood carving, it is said to be the work of the legendary personality known as Hidari Jingoro. In Japanese architecture, except for houses, there is hardly any feature that varies from one locality to another. This has given rise to tales of master carpenters who came from no where and left for unknown destinations. The Sleeping Cat was carved by Jingoro in the 17th Century yet it seems as though he could have passed through Toshogu yesterday.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

The Lomita Parks Commission will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Lomita City Hall.

Sun Ray Continues Sales Pace

Ray Watt's Sun Ray Manor in Wilmington continued its unprecedented sales record in the Southern California real estate industry last week.

Forty-one homes — valued at \$1,108,795 — were sold in a two-hour buying spree when the fourth unit was opened.

According to Phil Caldwell, vice president of Glendale Federal Savings and Loan Association, which is providing financing for the project, "the situation at Sun Ray Manor is unique. To our knowledge there is no other development in Southern California that is experiencing such dramatic and immediate buyer acceptance. It proves that a solid home value is sure to move in any kind of market."

THE SITUATION that occurred at the opening of the fourth unit mirrored the events that took place at previous unit openings. At the opening of the second unit in May, 75 persons were in line at the sales office at 7 a.m. The first unit comprising 57 homes was sold within a month.

Since the Balanced Power community of three- and four-bedroom homes opened, 198 homes have been purchased. The fifth and final unit is scheduled to open shortly.

PRICES FOR the one- and two-story plans start at \$23,995.

Sun Ray Manor is located at 23123 Main St., in Wilmington. The community may be reached via the Harbor Freeway, by taking the 223rd Street off-ramp and driving east one mile to Main Street, then turning right to the models. The sales office is open daily from 9 a.m.

Work to Begin On Area Street

An improvement project on Avalon Boulevard north of 219th Street is slated to begin this week, according to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn.

The pavement will be widened with asphalt concrete to join curb and gutter recently constructed under county permit by owners of adjacent properties.

Lecturer To Appear In Lomita

"Who's in Control?" will be the title of a Christian Science lecture to be given Tuesday, Oct. 24, by Charles W. Ferris, C.S.B., of Minneapolis.

The lecture is open to the community free of charge. It will begin at 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, 24027 Pennsylvania Ave., Lomita. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Lomita, is the sponsor.

Ferris entered the healing ministry of Christian Science after graduation from the University of Chicago and a period of service in the United States Army. He was a chaplain's assistant during his Army career and also served as a field worker for Christian Science activities for the Armed Services. In 1961, he became a teacher of Christian Science.

He is currently on tour throughout the United States and Canada as a member of the Board of Lectureship of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Fansteel to Buy Los Angeles Firm

The board of directors of Fansteel Metallurgical Corp. has approved for an undisclosed amount of cash the acquisition of Precision Sheet Metal, Inc., Warren B. Hayes, president, has announced.

Precision Sheet Metal has annual sales of approximately \$9 million and is located in Los Angeles.

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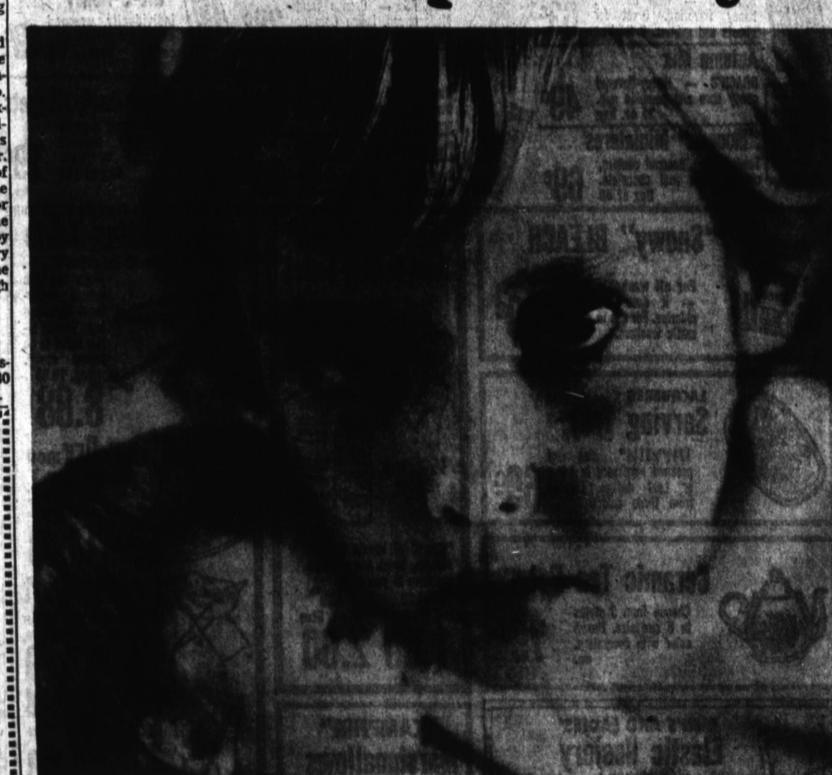
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